

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully points out the amendments made hereinabove to the claims which further clarify such claims.

The Examiner has stated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance the following: "no prior art could be found to teach a firewall system where, 'the determining and associating is performed when the network address for the network adapter changes.'"

In response, applicant points out that at least some of the independent claims (e.g. Claims 1, 11, and/or 21) are not necessarily limited to at least the emphasized features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Just by way of example, at least some of applicant's independent claims are not necessarily limited to "a firewall system," as the Examiner notes. In addition, at least some of applicant's independent claims do not specifically state that "the determining and associating is performed," as the Examiner further notes.

Clearly, at least some of the independent claims are not necessarily limited to the features that the Examiner has noted above in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as emphasized above (by way of example only). Instead, each of the claims should only be limited by the language existing therein.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAIIP361).

Respectfully submitted,
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